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REQUEST FORM AND FORMALITIES PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR
FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)
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Atty. Docket No.: P63215US1

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

This is a request for filing a [] continuation or [X] divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of prior application Serial No.09/206,161 filed on December 7, 1998, entitled **CLOSED HEAT-DECOMPOSING APPLIANCE, PRETREATMENT METHOD OF SAMPLE USING IT, ANALYTICAL METHOD AND DEVICE THEREFOR** by the following inventor(s):

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Enclosed is a copy of the prior application including the Declaration as originally filed.

1. [X] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
2. [] Cancel claim(s) for purposes of lessening filing fees.
3. [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. [] This application is filed under Rule 53(f) and therefore the no filing fee is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended by 1 and/or 2 above.

Basic Fee		\$355	\$710
Total Claims	13 - 20 = 0	x 9 = \$	x 18 = \$
Ind. Claims	1 - 3 = 0	x 40 = \$	x 80 = \$
Multiple Dependent Claims		+ 135 = \$	+ 270 = \$
		Total \$	Total \$710

5. [X] A check in the amount of \$710 is enclosed.

6. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

A --This is a division of application no. 09/206,161, filed December 7, 1998.--

7. [] A verified statement claiming small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27:

a) [] was claimed by way of a declaration filed in prior application Serial No.
***.

b) [] is claimed by way of the attached declaration.

8. [X] Priority of application No. 9-336132, filed on December 5, 1997, in Japan, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

a) [X] Certified copy is on file in prior application no. 09/206,161.

b) [] Certified copy filed herewith.

9. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to **TOSOH CORPORATION**, of Yamaguchi-ken, JAPAN.

10. [X] The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following:

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a) [X] The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.

b) [] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

12. [] New formal drawings are enclosed.
13. [X] Enclosed is a copy of each Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Form USPTO 1449 that was filed in a prior application relied on for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.
14. [X] Enclosed is a copy each Form USPTO 892 that was filed in a prior application relied on for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.

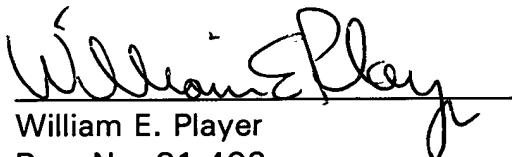
15. [] Also enclosed is:

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